

Parents' Voice notes from Term 5 meeting – 13th May 2015

20 people attended. The meeting was facilitated by Ruth Cochrane (Community Development Coordinator) with support from Ali Hassan (Parent Governor), Khalif Noor (Somali Achievement Manager), Fatoumata Ba (Play Leader) and Vikki Bird (Family Mentor).

Item	Response / Action
Introductions: everyone introduced themselves and then discussed for a few minutes 'what is enrichment' and 'why is it important'.	People responded that children learn new things, develop language and social skills, develop confidence and self-esteem, have fun and make friends. Others mentioned that parents and children can socialise together, it's fun, it's good for wellbeing and it breaks the routine of the day.
Nigel Walker introduced himself and talked about a family party on the railway path, on Wednesday 22 nd July 2pm. He said this will be a fun and educational activity. Members of the Avon Wildlife trust will be showing us other users of the path (such as animals).	We will put this in the newsletter and Ruth will collect names of interested people. Celia Davies could meet people at school and walk there together, if people would like this.
Celia Davies talked about cycling refresher sessions coming soon and our plans for a family cycle ride to the SS Great Britain (with free entry and free ice creams!) on 6 th June.	People queried whether they could walk instead of cycle. Celia explained that on this occasion we would be cycling. Ruth said there are some family tickets available for people if they would like to go on their own. We will publicise in the newsletter.
Fatoumata talked about the importance of play and the free places that are available at Holiday Club for children who get Pupil Premium. She talked about the wide range of skills children learn.	People asked about what activities happen at the club, and what the timings are. Fatoumata explained there are a range of activities – cooking, craft, sport, outdoor play etc.
Vikki talked about opportunities for children to go to Kilve Court and Wider World – these activities are targeted at children who will particularly benefit. They are free for children eligible for Pupil Premium.	People asked whether school adults go too. We explained that school adults don't go, but we have worked with both organisations a lot and trust them to run good quality, safe provision. Children have come back excited and positive! People also asked about the timings.
<p>People put forward lots of ideas and comments about after-school clubs. The following interesting points were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is there not much going on after-school for Reception children? • Is there a place that parents can wait where they feel welcome? People don't always feel welcome in the lobby and there is not much space there. Or, can clubs run for longer so parents have time to go home and then come back? • Can we run Key Stage 1 football please? What about a paying club like the one that runs at the City Academy on Saturdays? • Is there a fairer way of sharing clubs? Some children are always disappointed not to get into the club of their choice... • Can we restart a Somali club? • Can we consider running a club specifically for children who need to build more confidence with physical activities? • Can we run a club focussing on social skills – to include children with special needs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff at the meeting - and some parents - felt many Reception children are tired out by the end of the school day - Ruth will raise this with the office staff and with Ms Ramsay. We acknowledged that the lobby is not very big. Ruth will report back at the next meeting. - Ruth will talk to Rachel and the office, who coordinate clubs. We will also talk to Easton Cowboys about getting volunteers to run this. - The office try to make things fair, but some clubs (like cookery) are very popular. Ruth will talk to the office and Rachel about this and report back. - Khalif will talk with Ali and Miss Vintin about this and report back at the next meeting - We will consult Mr Cook about this. Next year we will have a new Sports Specialist in school as well who we could discuss this with. - We will ask Mrs Reed (Inclusion coordinator) about this and get her feedback

Our next meeting is on 30th June 2015